

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA

Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia
January 18, 2007
7:00 P.M.

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 - Lumpkin County Proclamation of Appreciation
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 - Lumpkin County Employee Service Awards
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X. COMMENTS

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONERS
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Future Meetings:

Work Session – City Hall	Feb. 01, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting – City Hall	Feb. 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
Work Session – City Hall	Mar. 01, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
Board Retreat – Amicalola Falls Lodge	Mar. 12, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting – City Hall	Mar. 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

XII. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 18, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Raber gave the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

Lumpkin County Fire Department – Fire Chief Eggert: Present Plaque to Makayla Fields

Makayla Fields is a young child who woke up to smoke and fire on December 9, 2006, alerted others and thereby saved six lives. She was presented a plaque as thanks for helping the emergency services help others.

Lumpkin County Proclamation of Appreciation: In honor of Marvin Martin

Chairman Gooch gave background on the Board of Commissioners and of Marvin Martin's service during his two years as a board member. Former Commissioner Martin was presented with a plaque honoring him. Chairman Gooch spoke of Marvin, his family, and Marvin's service to the County and read the proclamation on the plaque.

Lumpkin County Employee Service Awards

County Manager Stan Kelley explained that the purpose of these awards is to acknowledge the dedication and commitment shown by numerous County employees as indicated by their years of service to the County. He and the Chairman presented the awards and certificates as follows:

Service Pin for five years of service: C. Eddy Harris (8 years), Mitchell E. Salain, David R. Keys, Donna C. Jarrard, Vickie L. Bellville, and Justin Brown.

Service Pin for ten years of service: S. Diane Grizzle, Ryan Miller, Boyd C. Ray, Patricia F. Chastain, David Dearman, Sr. and Henry Grizzle.

Service Pin for fifteen years of service: Rita Harkins.

Service Pin and County Coin for twenty years service: Ruth Bohac

Ruby Pin and County Coin for thirty years service: Brenda Abee, E. Ann Wigley (Ann's pin will be awarded at the February Board of Commissioners' Meeting).

The Chairman stated his appreciation to County employees and said he is sure the public also appreciates them.

The Clerk of Court, Edward Tucker complimented Brenda Abee and Rita Harkins, from his office.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gooch requested that the election of the 2007 Vice-Chairman be added to the agenda under New Business.

Commissioner Raber nominated District Commissioner Stowers to be the new Vice-Chairman. Deborah Hutcheson seconded this nomination.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved that the nominations be closed. John Raber seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor of appointing Clarence Stowers as Vice-Chairman for 2007. Motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion: John Raber made a motion to approve all the minutes after amending Regular Meeting December 21, 2006 minutes to include Clarence Stowers seconding the motion on page 5 concerning the concession contract. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion to approve the minutes, as amended. All district commissioners voted to approve the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office

Commission Raber said he wished the public had the opportunity to look at reports because they show well the work of the departments. Commissioner Hutcheson said these could be sent via e-mail to anyone who wants to see them.

Elected Officials – no elected officials wished to speak

RESOLUTIONS

2007-01 Appointment to Lumpkin County Board of Elections

This is a resolution to reappoint Kimberly M. Pruitt to Seat Five of the Lumpkin County Board of Elections for a term ending December 31, 2010.

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to accept the resolution. This was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

2007-02 EPD - Resolution to protect the Yahoola Creek Reservoir

This resolution amends Resolution No. 2006-34, a resolution to approve a Reservoir Management Plan for the Yahoola Reservoir pursuant to the requirements of the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this resolution, which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. All district commissioners approved. Motion carried.

2007-03 Authorizing Workers' Compensation Coverage for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer
Emergency/Rescue Workers

This resolution provides for workers' compensation insurance coverage for volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency/rescue workers; and repeals resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve this resolution, which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

2007-04 Authorizing Workers' Compensation Coverage for Elected Officials

This resolution provides for workers' compensation insurance coverage for elected officials and repeals resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the resolution. This was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

2007-05 Transportation, Training and Supervision of Non Compensated Labor Pool

This resolution establishes policies and adopts procedures for the transportation, training and supervision of the non-compensated labor pool (commonly identified as community service workers, inmates and detainees) and the control and management of such labor while performing public duties.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved this motion. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS

Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority – Intergovernmental Agreement for Services

This contract stipulates that the County will provide certain standard financial services to the Water Authority for 2007.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the contract. This was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Ray Koehn - Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down #5 Agreement

Jimmy C. Woods – Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down #9 Agreement

Bill Hanson & Brenda Hanson - Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Tie Down #10 Agreement

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the three tie-down agreements. Clarence Stowers seconded this. All district commissioners voted to approve the contracts. Motion carried.

Timothy E. Dawson – Lumpkin County-Wimpy Airport Hangar #F 45ft (without any additions/changes) Lease Agreement

Commissioner Raber questioned the terms of this agreement, which is a thirty-year (30) lease with the option of an additional thirty (30) year renewal. He stated that he would vote against this contract for that reason. Commissioner Stowers pointed out that we are not committed to the monthly rental fee in the contract for the entire term.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to table this contract until the next meeting thereby providing Clarence Stowers and Eddy Harris time to discuss the matter. John Raber seconded this motion. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

Lee Ann Roy, Independent Writer – Annual Newsletter Project

This is the 2007 contract for writing and project management services to produce and distribute *The County Line* Newsletter.

Motion: Commissioner Grindle made a motion to approve this contract, which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

Classic Cleaners – Lease Agreement

This is the 2007 renewal of the commercial lease with Eoun A. Gim for the County property at 235 East Main Street, Dahlonega.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to approve the lease. This was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Bates, Carter & Co. – Engagement Letter for Annual Audit

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this agreement, which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raber said that he approved this agreement on the basis that it was too late this year to put this contract out for bid.

Anderson Computer & Network Systems, Inc. – Computer Services

This computer consulting agreement renews the County's agreement with Anderson Computer for 2007.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this contract. This was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Mobilitat – Transit Dispatch Software

This is a one-year maintenance agreement for Lumpkin County Transport.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve this contract, which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the agreement. Motion carried.

Mobile Communications of Hall, LLC – E911 Service Agreement

This is the yearly agreement for service to certain equipment at the Lumpkin County 911 Center.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve which John Raber seconded. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

Pearce & Pearce, Inc. – Rec-1 Insurance Renewal

This contract renews the agreement, which allows participants in activities at Park and Recreation to pay one time and play all sports offered during the policy year.

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to approve the renewal, which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

Georgia Secretary of State Contract Award Agreement with County Election Superintendent – Handicapped Accessibility to Polling Places

This grant award of \$9,168.75 provides funds to improve election access to people with disabilities.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve the grant award agreement. This was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Tempered Air - Concrete Contract Fire Station No. 4.

This contract is for the concrete foundation work at Fire Station No. 4.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the contract, which was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Tempered Air/Ronnie Adams - Update on Fire Station No. 4

Ronnie Adams from Tempered Air provided an update for his company's work at Fire Station No. 4. The Public Works Director has approved the work completed thus far. They began digging today for the foundation and the metal building delivery is scheduled February 9. The only holdup on pouring the concrete slab is the plumbing work. The County Manager said the plumbing contractor wants more money due to the length of time since his contract was signed. However, no expiration date was included on that contract. Commissioner Hutcheson thanked Mr. Adams for providing the update and asked him to come to the next meeting.

Lumpkin County Judicial Center – King Evans, Clough Harbour & Associates LLP

Mr. Evans provided an update. When Commissioner Raber asked about the recommendation for architect, Chairman Gooch said that the committee would go to Coweta County next week to look at the new judicial building there. Committee Member Gerald Lewy said after seeing the Coweta building the committee will be ready to select from the short list of architectural firms.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the short list of architectural firms selected by the committee members. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Letter to Department of Transportation regarding Sandy Flats Road/Dugas Road Project

The County Attorney said he forwarded two draft letters to the board for their consideration. The short version seems to be the one that is favored. John Cavender said he is most concerned with how any size road may cross their property, whether it is a two lane or four lane road. The County Attorney said the letter addresses that concern by saying that current state highways would be supported but not any other right of way acquisition.

Another citizen said that he wants the board to look at alternate routes that will affect only landowners and not homeowners as the current proposed route does with homeowners. Another citizen spoke about beauty of habitat as it is now and is opposed to a new road.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve the short form of the letter to the Department of Transportation. This was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Lumpkin County Hospital Authority – December 2006 Cases for Review/Approval

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the five cases reviewed. John Raber seconded this. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager requested that the board approve paying \$10.00 an hour to a graduate intern from NGCSU for a maximum of 500 hours. This intern would work about 20 hours a week on major projects in the County Manager's Office.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to permit the County Manager to hire the graduate student and put her wherever he needs to put her. Clarence Grindle seconded this motion. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson and Grindle approved the motion. Clarence Stowers was opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hutcheson said she thinks we should look for a second intern and assign that person to the Clerk of Courts office. Clerk of Court Edward Tucker said he really needs someone for longer than the 500 hours because it takes longer than that to train a person for his office. At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Clerk of Court will discuss his need for an additional employee at the next work session.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman explained about the need to return to Executive Session immediately following this meeting.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hutcheson said that the upcoming ACCG Legislative Conference needs a voting member.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to appoint Chairman Gooch as the voting member at the conference. Deborah Hutcheson seconded this. All district commissioners voted approval. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raber said that he wants the board to vote on supporting or not supporting funding a Washington lobbyist. He stated that he thinks the County needs this lobbyist. The County Manager said if the board votes approval that the money for the lobbyist can come from contingency funds.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the County's participation in the hiring of a lobbyist so long as the County's portion does not exceed \$12,000 per year. The County's portion will be determined by splitting the total amount by the number of organizations that participate in the plan to hire the lobbyist. Clarence Stowers seconded the motion. Commissioners Raber, Hutcheson, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

PUBLIC

Dale Steenberg, Chamber of Commerce, stated that Senator Pearson suggested having the Board of Commissioners visit Atlanta on Legislative Day. Leadership Lumpkin is going to Atlanta on February 22, 2007 for Legislative Day and would like the Board to attend.

Mr. Steenberg invited the Board to attend the kickoff meeting for the transportation summit being held February 27, 2007. This meeting's purpose is to establish transportation priorities.

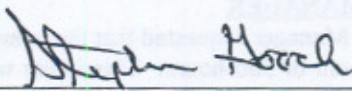
The Clerk of Court said he needs more specific information concerning hangars at the airport. He is having difficulty deciding how to record these because they do not seem to be tied to real estate.

ADJOURN

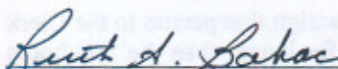
Chairman Gooch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.

2-15-2007
Date


Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County